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TOPIC Military Information from the Schweinrich-Gentzrode Troop Training Grounds

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DATE OF CONTENT 11 to 21 March 1954

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. Between 15 and 17 March 1954, source determined that the telephone line, which had been constructed by Soviet troops from Jagen (forest section) No 113, Neuglienicke, to Fuerstenberg via Zuehlen, Rheinsberg and Menz, had one branch-off to Zechow from a point 1 km east of Zuehlen, a second to Schweinrich via Wallitz and Zechlin, a third toward Gadow and a fourth to Raeselin.

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3. Between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on 17 March, exercises including firing with tanks, field guns, mortars and machine guns, were held in the Zechow-Rheinsberg-Braunsberg area. The exercise involved 10 tanks [redacted] 5 armored personnel carriers, 5 jeeps and 20 trucks. 25X1B

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4. On 17 March, source determined that the woods in the Schweinrich-Kyritz-Loewenberg-Fuerstenberg area were occupied to capacity by troops of all branches of service. Wood lanes were blocked by barriers. [redacted] 25X1
- X1 [redacted] Some of the troops had white flags on their vehicles and pieces of white cloth on their caps. Beginning at about 6:30 p.m., motorized units, including about 50 tanks, 100 armored vehicles, 50 armored scout cars, 600 motor vehicles, 50 field guns, 50 AT guns, 50 AA guns, 50 rocket launchers, 50 mortars and 10 searchlights, passed through Neuglienicke, coming from a western direction and proceeding toward Rheinsberg. 25X1B
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5. Between 11 and 17 March, a new concrete bunker was constructed at the firing range of the Gentsrode troop training grounds. The previous bunker had been demolished by a direct hit during the last tank firing practice, with the 6 occupants being killed.

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8. On 19 March, tank firing practices were again held in the training area [REDACTED] 25X1

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9. Between 11 and 21 March, 30 to 40 camouflaged T-34 tanks were, as previously, seen on the Neuruppin-Katerbow road, near kilometermark 5.0. 2

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The information supplements observations by same source on 11 and 13 March. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] Only information in paragraph 4, especially observations by source in Neuglienicke on the evening of 17 March, indicate exercises of the reinforced 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which started on this day.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] On [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 18 March, however, source also observed motor vehicles of the 1st Mech Div on route toward Neuruppin. These vehicles, along with tanks of the division, had been shipped from Doeberitz to Altruppin [REDACTED] on 15 March. [REDACTED] 25X1

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